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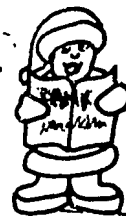
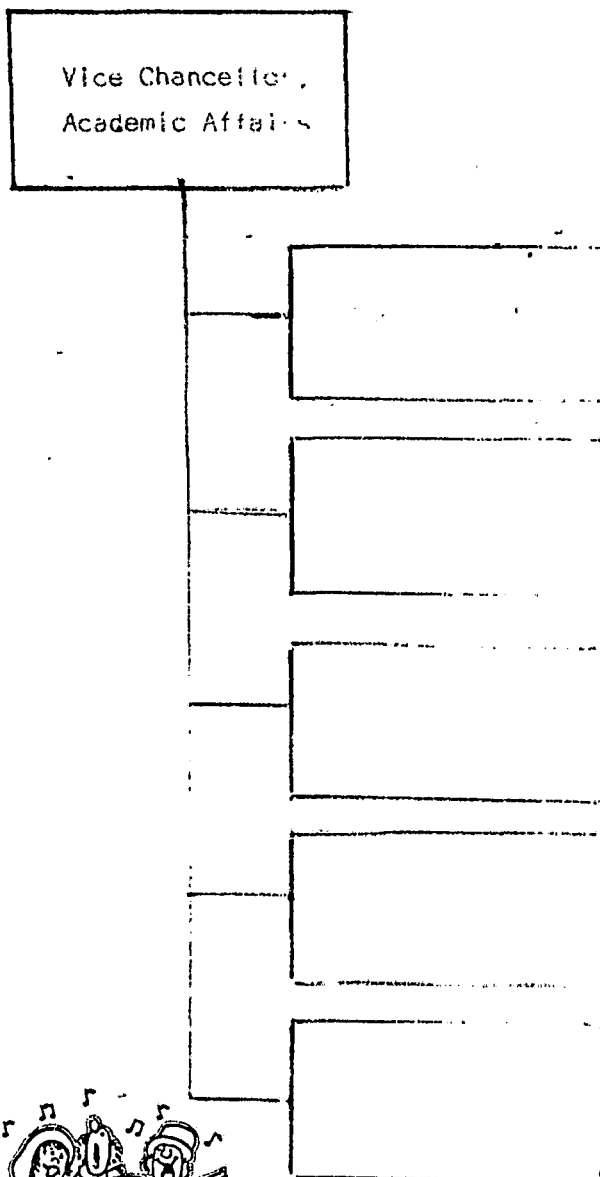


AUKE LAKE SIGNALS WINTER'S ARRIVAL WITH THE SEASON'S FIRST SNOW.

Divisions named, reorganized

The following academic structure will be in effect as of January 1, 1982:

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4. JDCC--remains Juneau-Douglas Community College.
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Sports/activities director named

"The kind of activities which might be available at UAJ are only limited by the scope of your imagination," said Jim Dumont, the new sports and activities director at the University of Alaska, Juneau.

Dumont, who was Juneau's parks and recreation director from 1977 to 1979, said he wants to work with students at UAJ to identify their activity needs. His first goal at UAJ is to create an advisory board of students and faculty to help determine what is needed at the university.

"I want to create involvement of the students and faculty and get their ideas," he said, adding that he wants to help UAJ work toward accreditation so they can become involved in intercollegiate sports.

Dumont attended the University of Washington on a baseball scholarship. In his senior year he was head coach of the junior varsity baseball team at the U of W. After graduation he came to Juneau as the assistant director of parks and recreation, a position he held for five years until becoming the director there.

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Auke Bay marina sparks controversy

The proposed marina facility at Auke Bay has sparked controversy during the 1981 year. Concerns have been raised as to whether the \$5,250,000 marina may adversely affect the marine environment, businesses and residents in the area, and the research done by both the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and UAJ Fisheries Labs located at Auke Bay. Controversy also exists over the questionable lack of opportunity for public input into the project.

Possible adverse affects

Concerns for the project were raised by Dr. William A. Smoker while he was Director of the NMFS Lab at Auke Bay.

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Merry Christmas




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Instructor evaluations questioned

I feel that the system of instructor evaluation should be modified to protect the confidentiality of student comment. Given the present method for instructor evaluation it is possible for instructors to be able to identify who has rated and evaluated them in what manner by simply recognizing student handwriting.

Supposedly, evaluations are not given to instructors to read until after the semester grades are in. Yet rumor has it that this is not always the case.

And that may bias (although

perhaps subconsciously) the instructor to be unenthusiastic when they in turn must evaluate the student.

This is a concern because our university is small and many degree candidate students are forced to take classes from the same instructor during successive semesters.

One solution to this problem of confidentiality might be to institute an intermediate step of typing the evaluations before the instructors read them.

A.M.

Editorials

Care enough to have an opinion

Living in a democracy is not only a privilege, it's a responsibility. With the rapid turn of events in the world in which we live, there is no room for people to be uninformed, unaware or apathetic. And yet we are. We are regulated by laws we know little about and subjected to technology we can barely comprehend. And we are gaining a marina, which few people have voiced an opinion about.

It's time that we as Americans, as Alaskans, as residents of Juneau realize that we are responsible for

our community and what happens to it. Our responsibility begins with knowing what is happening in our community, by being aware.

How many residents of Juneau commented on the marina when it was in the design stages? How many realize how little research was done before Auke Bay was selected as the site for the marina? How many know they were to be informed through each step of the project, yet were not totally informed? How many know that if the project is delayed, there is a greater likelihood that long-range plans can be formulated which will

protect both the environment and the residents in the area.

Anything is possible, if we care enough to try. If man can fly to the moon, why can't we have a suitably located marina, which will not have negative long-range affects?

It's your community, it's your marina, it's your chance (and may be your last chance) to express how you feel about the proposed marina. Whether you are pro or con, is not the question. The question is, do you care enough to express an opinion?

Proposed facility cause for concern



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Pouch V
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December 3, 1981

Jay S. Hammond, Governor
State of Alaska
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Hammond:

I have been approached by a constituent requesting information concerning the Auke Bay Transient Moorage Project. DOT/PP refers to the project as the Auke Bay Marine Development Plan, Project Number K78180.

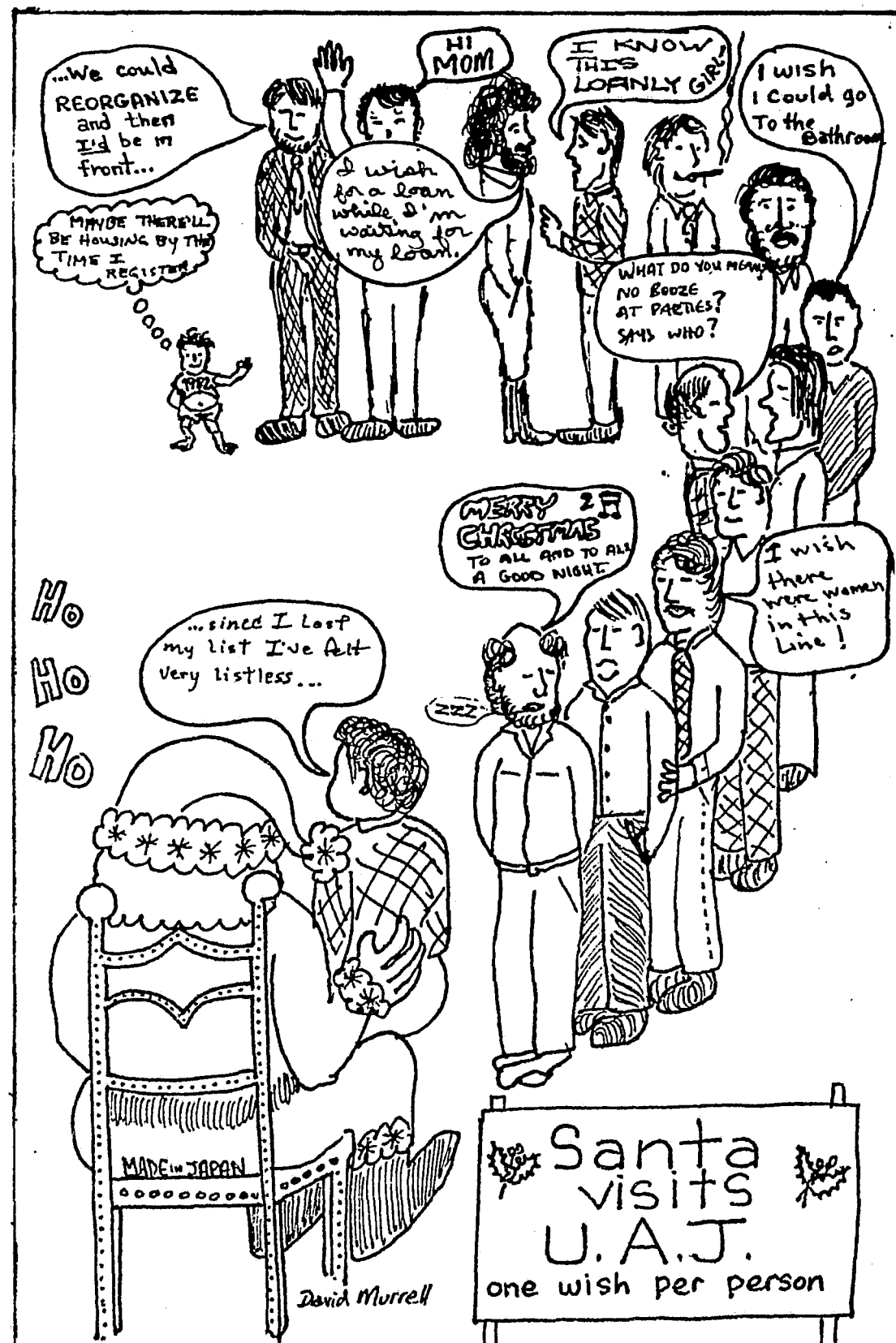
The information I am seeking for my constituent is the following:

1. Who and/or what agency made the initial request for the State to consider development of the project. Was it originally requested by the City & Borough of Juneau for inclusion in your budget request. Is it to primarily serve sports craft or is it intended to benefit the Lynn Canal fishing fleet?
2. Is any base line data available; if so, where and was it used to assist the State with the project?
3. Has an Environmental Impact Statement for the project been prepared, and if so, is a copy available? I have been informed that DPDP requested DOT/PP to provide them with an EIS for this project and that the Corp of Engineers may have prepared such a document.
4. Is there a record of the procedure followed to acquire a 401 Water Quality Certificate for this project and was that procedure proper?

I do appreciate your assistance in obtaining the above information. As the project will be advertised for bid in the near future, I would appreciate an early response.

Sincerely,

Representative Jim Duncan



Guest Editorial By

Wallace Dean

Middle ages had a better idea

The recent report of the Governor's Task Force on Effective Schooling got me to thinking not just about elementary and secondary education, but about the University. It is interesting to note that the task force focused on "schooling," not education. Education is a much broader subject than schooling. Education involves all the learning that goes on within a human being. Schooling is more limited. It is a formal process in which specific skills and abilities are developed.

Some school systems seem to feel that they are entrusted with the total education of the person. Not only do they provide training in special skills and abilities, they think that they have to sponsor dances, support athletic teams, keep the students from "dropping out" and a host of other things. It may well be that the homes, the Churches, social organizations, the community services and others can do a better job of these things. The schools--and perhaps the University--should concentrate on what it can do best; provide the opportunity for schooling. When the idea of universities caught on during the Middle Ages in Europe, the idea was something like this: Here was a special place at which students from many nations could get advanced schooling (hence the term "University" from "universe"). Students floated all over Europe, studying wherever they felt they

got the best training. Many of our students today have gone back to this practise. Meanwhile, universities have established large, separate departments, with entire programs for study. The whole system is set up for students to enter the program, spend four years and get their degree. Anyone who doesn't do that is considered by the department to be a "drop out" or not really committed to learning. In fact, the student may be very committed to learning, but may have other plans. They may want to try a different school where they think the schooling is better. They may just want time to get their heads straight. Some departments or faculty may not comprehend all this. They have their own little world of programs, degrees, schedules and bureaucracy. The students just aren't playing their game anymore.

This may explain why universities are often confused about older people returning to school. They may not want degrees. They may not want programs. They may want special courses, particular schooling. If they are retired, continuation of schooling may be their avocation; it may become their way of life. Does this mean the universities are failing? Well, if you think that universities have to provide a total education, or are only there for departmental programs, then these people may not fit the idea.

We may have to go back and re-think our idea of the university. My suggestion is that we recapture the original concept. This should be a place where people of all ages can come to find the schooling they want. If they decide that they want two years here and two years in Fairbanks, so what? Have we failed? If the student got good schooling--was challenged, was helped to learn, really learned to think well--we have succeeded quite well. But if all we can think of is our department, our programs, our projects, and judging success in terms of how many degrees our particular division offers, then we have failed.

Really good universities have often been suspected by the public at large. Why? Because they challenge a lot of accepted ideas, they stimulate thinking, they come up with new ideas. Run-of-the-mill universities are usually not suspect. They just continue to crank out degrees and programs--and students--like a bunch of soda crackers. Wouldn't it be marvellous if the University of Alaska, Juneau became a real university where students could find the best in schooling--from diesel repair to philosophy and marine biology. Then we could measure success not in numbers of degrees, but in satisfied students. Wow. What a fantastic idea. How could they ever have thought of that in the Middle Ages--or forgotten it in the last fifty years.

Student Government Update

by Mark Sova

In the most successful meeting of the year, the USUJ student Government met on November 20th with a record number of interested students in attendance. Resolutions and recommendations were made; committees were formed; and enlightening viewpoints were elicited on topics of student concern.

Discussion of a finals week resulted in a recommendation to the UAJ Assembly (responsible for calendar proposals) urging the implementation of this needed study time. To incorporate this additional week into the semester structure, it was decided that the semesters should be lengthened at the beginning of the fall and at

the end of the spring. Previous calendar proposals have the fall semester running up to Christmas Eve Day.

A recommendation to increase the student activity fee to provide additional activities and services was approved at the meeting. This action must be okayed by Harry Keim, the Vice Chancellor and by the Board of Regents before taking effect. Reasons for the \$.50 a credit hour increase included: formation of an outdoor recreational co-op; support for WHALESONG: membership in ASSA; funding for student organizations and sports teams; and obtaining additional discounts for concerts, movies, and cultural events.

A committee was also formed to study different alternatives in providing students with quality movies. Starting a student run "film society" or using a big screen T.V. with video cassettes were the popular ideas. Any interested students should contact committee persons Ron Heintz, Bonita Nelson, or Keith Pahlke.

Vice-President Steve Andison has reserved the Auke Bay School Gym Thursday nights for volleyball. This is coed and open to all students.

Other business is the planning of the beginning of the year party. Contact Laura Brady, Steve Andison, Bonita Nelson, or Pam Van Houte if you would like to help. The party is scheduled for 23rd of January.

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Originally from Corvallis, Oregon, Dumont and his wife took time off in 1980 to travel around the U.S., finally deciding that they wanted to settle down in Juneau.

Dumont said he knew when they returned that he would have to wait for a job to open up in his field. "That's why I'm so excited about this position" at UAJ.

Although Dumont has yet to officially start his duties, he is already hard at work on discount sports packages for students. For example, he has arranged with the Eaglecrest ski resort for students to purchase



NEW DIRECTOR JIM DUMONT

eight hours of lessons, four days of two hour skiing lessons plus lift tickets, for only \$53.

Not everyone is interested in sports of course, Dumont said. Therefore he said he wants to develop cultural activities and other areas of interest to the student body.

"I want to get everyone involved in student activities," he said. "My overall goal would be to establish such a good balance between cultural and athletic activities that UAJ has a 100 percent participation in student activities."

Marina cont. from page 1

In a Feb. 18, 1981 letter to Robert McVey, Regional Director of NMFS, Smoker stated, "Auke Bay's fishery research potential is vital to both the University of Alaska (U of A) and the National Marine Fisheries Service...the present seawater quality is probably higher than that of any experimental laboratory in the U.S. This high water quality will likely be degraded as pollutant levels increase as a result of dissolved hydrocarbons from greatly increased boat traffic and accidental fuel spills..."

According to Smoker, "No activity or development should be permitted which degrades water quality, affects the productivity or behavior of salmon, herring, king and Tanner crab...and intertidal environments."

"Our primary recommendation--and probably the most difficult to achieve--is that final design of the project and a decision to pro-

ceed, be held in abeyance until a long-range plan for the northern portion of Auke Bay has been developed..." wrote Dr. Smoker.

In a March 19, 1981 letter to McVey, Dr. Smoker stated, "Based on present knowledge, increased toxicant levels in Auke Bay would likely result from the maximum-size marina proposed by DOT [Department of Transportation and Public Facilities]. It is certain that trace metal pollutants will eventually result in sub-lethal adverse effects on organisms, and these effects may become lethal with long-term exposure...it is the professional judgement of scientists at the Laboratory that there is a very real likelihood that the suitability of the Laboratory's water supply for research will be jeopardized."

NMFS recommendations

McVey reiterated some of Dr. Smoker's concerns in an April 28, 1981 letter to Don Statter, Director of DOT/PF. McVey recommended that a study of Auke Bay be made during 1981-82 and the seawater intake line be relocated if water quality degradation were detected. McVey esti-

mated the cost of relocating the line at \$300,000.

If the line was not moved by 1982, McVey recommended that a monitoring of the water quality be continued as the second phase of studies on a yearly basis. The water quality monitoring would continue from 1983 to 1987.

The cost for both phases of studies was estimated at \$92,000. McVey suggested to Statter that the DOT/PF should be responsible for funding both the cost of the studies and the relocation of the intake line if necessary.

NMFS request denied

Statter's reply to McVey in a May 7, 1981 letter was, "We do not believe that it is reasonable to expect the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to underwrite the cost of a long range monitoring program or commit to relocation of the water intake..."

DOT comprises

But just 21 days later, Statter wrote in a letter to McVey, "DOT/PF will fund the first year study effort from available sources of funding. 2. DOT/PF will budget for, or seek funding required to complete the monitoring study through 1987. ...the DOT/PF would pursue the necessary funding required to move the seawater intake system to a location acceptable to the National Marine Fisheries."

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Parapsychology course offers fascinating overview

Jackie Stewart, a temporary, part-time instructor at UAJ, teaches a rather fascinating topic: parapsychology.

Parapsychology is the scientific study of paranormal events (psi), including extrasensory perception (ESP) and psychokinesis (PK). PK is the direct influence of mind on matter without any known intermediate physical energy or instrumentation.

Stewart's introductory course in parapsychology is designed to give students a basic overview of the field as an interdisciplinary science. The course stresses that students learn to discriminate between scientific and occult approaches. They also learn how to recognize fraud.

This is the second year that Stewart has taught parapsychology at UAJ. She finds that most students who enroll in the course are open to the possibility of psi.

"A lot of people have had psi experiences and never talk about them, because to do so is almost a taboo in our western culture. Just coming into the class and finding out that many other apparently sane people have had similar experiences is very reassuring. Self acceptance can mean a lot, and it's one of the things I hope students take out of the class," said Stewart.

Stewart's background in psychology is broad. She earned her BA in Psychology and MA in General Experimental Psychology from California State College, San Bernardino.

Stewart expressed a concern for people not being aware of parapsychology as a science, or of the experimental discoveries that have been obtained so far.

"Few people even realize that the Parapsychological Association (PA) has been formally affiliated with the Advancement of Science since 1969," said Stewart.

Part of the layman's misconceptions about psi can be seen in the local bookstores.

Under the sign marked parapsychology, a customer may find a few books dealing with parapsychology, while the remaining majority will be on the occult. These occult books contain sensational (and unsubstantiated) claims of how to improve psychic ability, and deal with topics such as tarot reading, astrology and alleged witchcraft.

"It's like combining medical journals with books on folk medicine. Unfortunately, what this is doing is subtly telling the public that these occult approaches to reality fall under the heading of parapsychology, which often drives people away," said Stewart.

"Television programs about psi are another example. Often a few facts are thrown together with wild, speculative claims, and it practically takes an expert to know the difference."

"In parapsychology, as in every other field of scientific research, the potential effects of our discoveries warrant serious consideration," explained Stewart.

Stewart constructed a hypothetical situation: "What if we develop a method of teaching psychic ability. What if this method were readily available to anyone.... Because psi seems to operate on a subconscious level, could people really control these abilities in an ethical manner once they were acquired?"

"Scientific discoveries, when applied, can affect each and every one of us, so we must stay informed and take some responsibility to assure positive applications."

Stewart will be teaching Human Development and an independent study course in Intermediate Parapsychology this spring semester.

Stewart and her husband, Bob, have lived in Juneau for about two years. As well as teaching at UAJ, she is employed full-time by the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce and Economic Development as a research analyst in economic enterprise.



I recommend long-range plans for degree programs include no more than 12 required credits per semester. Then, if you have to switch a class due to schedule conflicts, or want to take an interesting Special Topics or Independent Study, you will have room for it without being swamped.

Independent Study proposals are already written for most WHALESONG jobs. If you need some Humanities or Business credits, this is a fun way to get them. Just see our next semesters Editor-in-Chief, Sandra Schmidt-Cash, for details.

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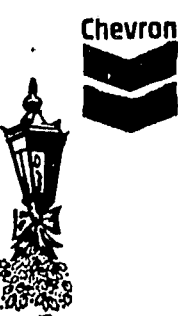
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For more information, contact Juneau Parks and Recreation at 586-300, extension 226.



Juneau Parks and Recreation Outdoor Program announces the weekly hike is changing to Tuesday for the winter. Adults 18 years and older are invited to hike Tuesday, December 8 in the Treadwell Mine Area.

The group will leave from the end of St. Ann's Avenue in Douglas at 10:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. Participants should wear boots, and bring a thermos, lunch, hats and gloves, and appropriate clothes for the weather.

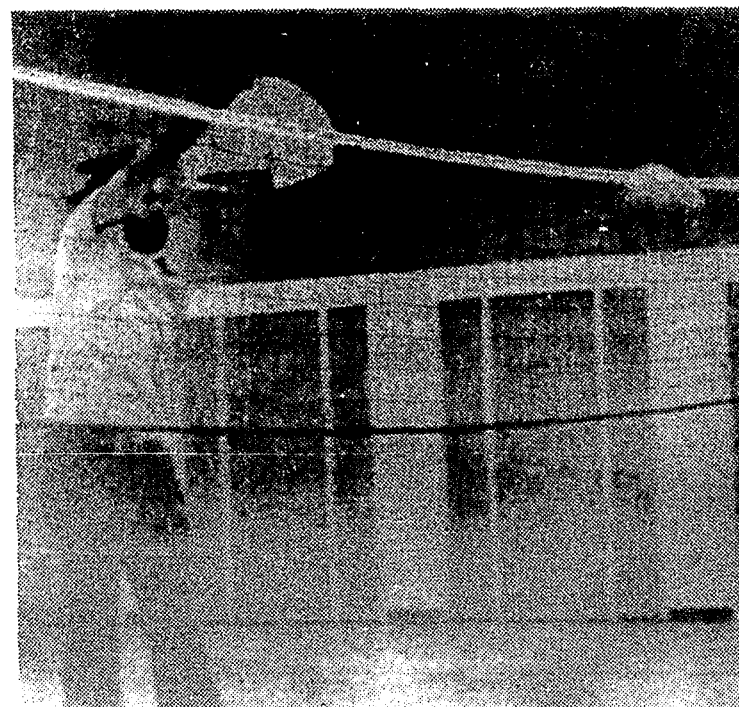
If there is snow, bring your cross country skis.

For more information, contact Juneau Parks and Recreation at 586-3300, extension 226.

The Juneau Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for Basic Springboard Diving, Mask-Fins-Snorkel Class, Crawl Stroke Class, and Breast Stroke Class. The cost is \$17.25.

Registration must be made in person at the pool before the class meets. Times available for sign up include Noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. weekdays, and Noon to 8 p.m. weekends.

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December 21 - JUNEAU ORATORIO CHOIR. Baranof Hotel; noon.

January 4-9 - UAJ ASSEMBLY MEETING. All students. Sexual harassment, and finals week policies to be discussed. If students have input they wish to contribute about these policies, contact Ron Heinz before December 22nd. At 1:30pm, Novatney 102.

January 4-9 - JAZZ WORKSHOP WITH GUEST KELLY GRANT. Sponsored by Juneau Dance Unlimited.

January 7-31 - TAMING OF THE SHREW. Perseverance Theatre.

January 12-15 - UAJ SPRING REGISTRATION.

January 15 - USUJ GOVERNMENT MEETING. At 5:00pm in student lounge.

January 18 - FIRST DAY OF UAJ SPRING INSTRUCTION.

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Bill Marchese resigns

Bill Marchese, UAJ Public Relations Director, resigned effective Nov. 30. He plans to open his own advertising and public relations agency in Juneau.

Marchese has worked for UAJ since 1976 when opened a news bureau and publications office for the University in Juneau. He came to Ak. from Chicago, Ill.

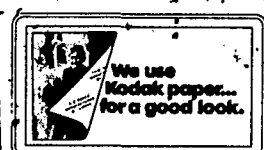
Marchese also helped organize this UAJ campus newspaper. According to one of the WHALESONG editors, "Marchese was our advisor and aided us a great deal."

Mike Mulnix has been named to one of the new positions, UAJ Director of Information Services.

Mulnix has been a reporter with the Juneau Empire for the past two years; he received a B.S. degree in journalism from the University of Colorado in 1975.

Merry Christmas from the Emporium

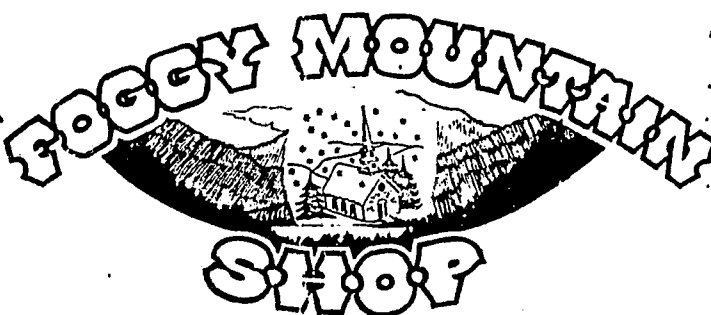
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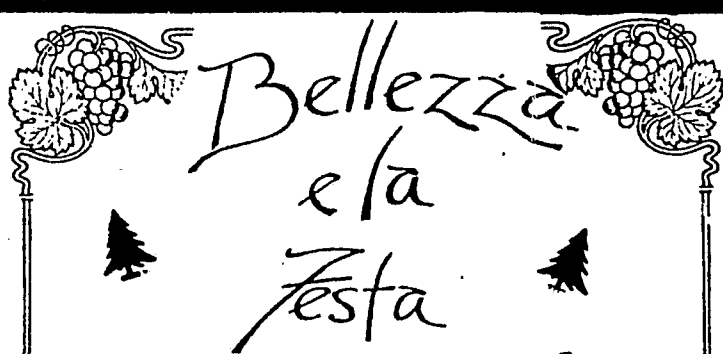
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NMFS compromises

Then on June 17, 1981, McVey wrote a letter to Colonel Lee Nunn, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, stating, "...we do not oppose the issuance of a permit for this project..."

More controversy

In a July 28, 1981 letter to Nunn, McVey said, "The size and location of the parking areas and launching ramps could be affected by or could conceivably affect the configuration of the proposed public marina and the future expansion potential for the existing private marinas. Because compromises will be required during project development, all those persons, businesses, and agencies having a vested interest in the fate of the marina should have the opportunity to review and comment on all aspects of the marina.... Therefore, in the interest of full public disclosure and to facilitate an evaluation of potential environmental impacts, we recommend that a document addressing all facets relating to the marina development in Auke Bay be prepared and circulated for review and comment."

Public disclosure controversy

In a WHALESONG interview, Dr. James Olson, Assistant Director of the NMFS Lab at Auke Bay, stated that to his knowledge no such document addressing the facts related to the marina has been circulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the DOT.

An earlier plea for the opportunity of public input in the project was made in a February 6, 1981 letter drafted by Kathleen Diebels, Chairman of the Planning Commission. In her letter to Statter, Diebels raised such questions as to the absence of workshops informing the public and the lack of opportunity for public input on the project.

Afterward in a JUNEAU EMPIRE article, dated February 11, 1981, Diebels stated that City-Borough Manager Carlton Laird had decided that the letter was inappropriate.

In an October 29, 1981 letter to two Juneau residents, Nunn wrote, "...I feel a public hearing by the Corps of Engineers in this case is not warranted. Accordingly, I am denying your request for a public hearing and have initiated processing toward issuance of the permit to ADOT/PF."

Environmental impact questioned

In an August 19, 1981 letter to Nunn, Richard D. Reed, Regional Supervisor, Habitat Division of NMFS, stated, "For your information we questioned the City/Borough Planning Department regarding the need for additional parking and related facilities during our original review of this permit in January-February of this year. Their response was, 'there is adequate upland sites available for parking.' Given the fact that this appears to be now in question, perhaps an overall environmental review of the entire harbor facility is warranted...."

Reed's request was apparently denied.

A statement was released by /s/ LTC. Joseph L. Perkins for

Nunn, which said, "The permit will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment... this particular permit is a Federal action not having a significant impact on the environment and thus have concluded that the preparation of a formal EIS [Environmental Impact Statement] is not required."

The Impact Statement was waived despite the fact that a November 1978 study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found that Auke Bay was an important biological system which should not be further impacted. The findings were summarized in "Juneau Harbor Study," at the request of the Corps.

Deadline for public comment

December 21, 1981 is the deadline for public comment on the transfer of management of the site for the proposed marina facility at Auke Bay. The transfer of management is from the Division of Land and Water Management to the DOT/PF, Division of Harbor Design and Construction.

This December 21st deadline may be the last opportunity the public has to voice its opinion on the marina project before construction begins in 1982.

Comments on the project should be sent to:

Mar Winegar, Manager
Southeastern Lands District
230 South Franklin St., Room 407
Juneau, Alaska 99801

or:

Governor Jay S. Hammond
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

FINALS WEEK QUESTIONNAIRE

I would like to start the semester a week early so there can be a week with no lectures for finals?

YES NO

I would like to continue the current finals week policy in which instructors have the option of lecturing the same week they give final exams?

YES NO

I am a (full-time / part-time) (UPPER DIVISION / LOWER DIVISION / GRADUATE) student.

Circle the appropriate words in the above sentence.

Please fill out this questionnaire, clip it from your newspaper, and return it to Laura Brady or the Student Government mailbox at the office of Student Services. Students at the Bill Ray Center or Auke Bay Fisheries can send their questionnaires via inter-campus mail. Be sure to note Laura Brady and/or Student Government on the envelope.

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WHALESONG ERROR

The article "Forms available for student aid" on page 6 of the previous WHALESONG contained a copy error in stating that Margaret Swanson has nothing to do with monetary decisions. On the contrary, those decisions are made by the financial aid officer. WHALESONG regrets the error.